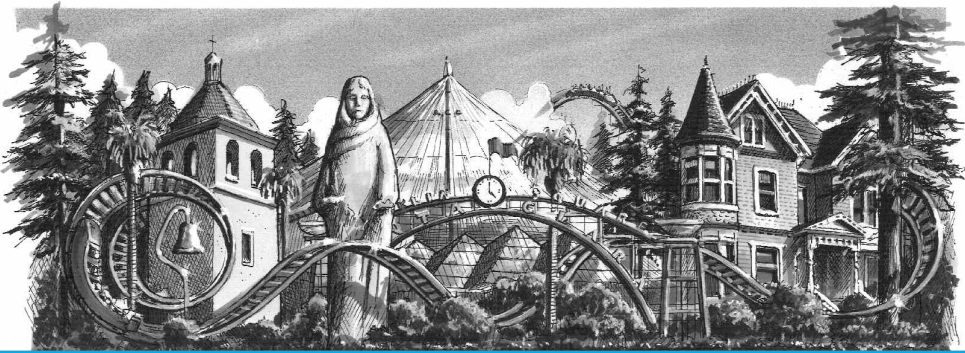
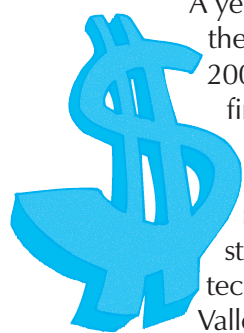




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# City will tap its reserve account to balance budget in 2009-10



A year of caution and working towards financial stability is the theme of the proposed City budget for fiscal year 2009-10 that was discussed by the City Council in May. The final budget is scheduled for consideration and adoption at the June 9, 2009 City Council meeting, at 7 p.m.

The second year of a nationwide severe economic recession has impacted City revenues. Revenues were still rebounding from a downturn several years ago that hit technology companies, a major contributor to Silicon Valley's regional economy, hard and fast. Revenues from multiple sources, especially sales tax, Transient Occupancy Tax and interest earnings, are expected to decline, creating approximately a \$7 million General Fund deficit in the 2009-10 budget. The gap will be filled using reserves so that the City, as required by the City Charter, will have a balanced budget. The 2008-09 budget, year end, is also expected to show a General Fund revenue deficit of approximately \$5.2 million.

Steps taken to reduce the budget deficit include the continued freezing of 30 vacant positions (28 in the General Fund budget and two in utilities) for an annual savings of about \$3.1 million; keeping other vacant positions open for six months at a time, under a "managed hiring freeze," to achieve a salary savings of about \$3.2 million during the fiscal year; spending reductions across all departments through a concentrated effort which began in January 2009 under the increasingly severe recession; moderate fee increases where appropriate and fee assessments to capital projects as were determined by a 2008-09 fee study.

Expenses budgeted for the General Fund for 2009-10 fiscal year will increase 1.8 percent over last year's budget, primarily due to previously negotiated salary and benefit increases. The City is reducing its budget for materials and supplies, continuing a hiring freeze, increasing cost recovery fees and holding constant most department operating budgets in order to keep the General Fund expenditures as close to incoming revenues as possible.

The total proposed City budget for 2009-10 is \$567.4 million, which includes the General Fund, Enterprise Funds, Special Revenue Funds, and Capital Projects. In line with the City Council Principles and Priorities, the budget emphasizes maintenance of core, affordable services and infrastructure. Special attention has been given to leveraging opportunities for economic development that will improve the City's long-term financial outlook.

The budget for Capital Improvement Projects in 2009-10 is \$59.3 million, a 37 percent decrease from last year. Funding is recommended only for essential new facilities, and the maintenance, refurbishment and

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# City seeks economic funds for multiple projects

The City of Santa Clara is pursuing up to \$50 million from the \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) designed to jumpstart the U.S. economy.

Funding comes through a variety of federal agencies, each with different criteria but all looking for projects that are "shovel ready," meaning that they would be able to start soon after funding is received.

Projects identified by the City of Santa Clara with potential for ARRA

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# Volunteers needed to serve on four City commissions

## "Spotlight on Board, Commissions and Committees"

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The City of Santa Clara currently has, or is expecting, vacancies on four Commissions: the Cultural Advisory Commission; the Planning Commission; the Historical & Landmarks Commission; and the Senior Advisory Commission.

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# Come early to All City Picnic on July 4th



Come celebrate Independence Day at Santa Clara's traditional All City Picnic! The picnic will be held in the 52-acre Central Park from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., followed by evening entertainment and a patriotic fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. **Because some fireworks shows in other cities have been cancelled this year, a larger than usual crowd is anticipated at Santa Clara's public event. Please arrive early to find parking and the best place to view the display.**

Start the day with an outdoor pancake breakfast, and live entertainment that will continue throughout the day at the Pavilion. The Parks & Recreation Dancers will perform at 10:30 a.m. and the Sizzling Seniors will perform at 11 a.m. There will be a Flag Dedication Ceremony at 12 noon, followed by the band, Lava (Classic Rock, Salsa, and Merengue) at 12:30 p.m. The Hitmen (Dance Party Machine) will perform at 3 p.m. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase all-American foods prepared by local community groups. Families will enjoy the inexpensive activities including carnival games and a petting zoo near the softball field, and swimming at the International Swim Center.

In the evening, place your blankets and lawn chairs on the lawn area near Millikin School, where there will be music, a variety of food booths, followed by a patriotic fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. Pre-fireworks entertainment will be provided from 7-9:30 p.m. by the Buchser Alumni Déjà Vu Band and the jazz vocal group, Déjà Vu Too, directed by David Ladd Anderson.

Last year, more than 20,000 people enjoyed the pyrotechnic show, which is partially funded by donations from individuals, businesses, and groups. Donations are being processed by the City Clerk's Office. For information on how to make a contribution to this annual tradition, call 615-2220. For other event information, call 615-3140.

# Fear of widespread flu is a good reminder to take care



The recent concern about the threat of a widespread flu emphasized the risk of an influenza epidemic that could spread rapidly from country to country, state to state, with little warning or time to prepare. Should an actual influenza pandemic occur, the health care system would not have enough staff, hospital beds, equipment or supplies. Government services, businesses and transportation could be affected if thousands of people are sick at one time. Schools, stores and workplaces could be closed for extended periods of time.

Individuals and families should take action now to help prevent and/or limit the effect of a pandemic, and prepare to be self-sufficient if one does occur.

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Budget (continued from page 1)

replacement of existing City facilities. The City is deferring \$167.2 million in capital projects, including recommending a one-year delay on the start of designing the new Northside Branch Library.

The City has applied for stimulus funds for several projects from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Decisions on those applications are made on different timetables by individual federal government departments and some level of funding is expected to arrive over the next 12 months. See the related article on page 1.

City leaders are keeping a very close eye on recession recovery milestones and their potential impact on the City of Santa Clara. The use of reserve funds to fill this year’s budget gap reduces the balance of the Emergency Reserve to \$8.4 million at the end of fiscal year 2009-10. If the economy turns around in the next one to two years and delivers consistent increases in revenues, the City should be able to return to structured surpluses to rebuild its “savings” accounts. If the recession lingers, the City will face significant structural deficits in future years.

Potential “borrowing” of property tax revenue by the State of California is also a possibility this fiscal year and could cause the City to use more from its Emergency Reserve to cover the loss of revenues until the State repays what it takes.

More detailed information on the City budget for 2009-10 is available on the City’s website [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov) and copies of the budget are available for public review at City Hall and the library.

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Practice good hygiene habits

- Cover your mouth when sneezing or coughing.
- Wash hands frequently and always after sneezing or blowing your nose.  
Tip: It’s a good idea to wash your hands as soon as you return home from work, school, shopping or recreation, as well as other times during the day.
- Circulate fresh air in your home.
- If someone does get sick, keep them at home but isolated from the rest of the family.
- Don’t share glasses, cups, utensils, or toothbrushes.
- Don’t send sick kids to school or sick adults to work. That will only cause germs to spread.

Be prepared by stocking up

- Keep gas tanks at least ¼ to ½ full at all times.
- Refill prescriptions when you have at least 3-5 days supply remaining.
- Make sure the medicine cabinet has a thermometer, medicines for fever and pain relief, anti-diarrheal medication, and other First Aid items.
- Have a 72-hour supply of water and non-perishable food for every member of your household, including pets.
- Keep some cash tucked away for emergencies.

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City Goals and Priorities 2007-2009

The City Council priority is to focus on successful completion of existing City projects, postpone new City projects and proposals, and operate within Council-adopted budget principles and priorities, with the goal of guiding the City successfully to economic recovery. (The complete Council Principles and Priorities 2007-09 can be found on the City website at

[santaclaraca.gov/city\\_gov/city\\_gov\\_council\\_adopted\\_goals.html](http://santaclaraca.gov/city_gov/city_gov_council_adopted_goals.html))

City Mission Statement

The mission of the City of Santa Clara is to promote a living and working environment that allows for the best quality of life by serving the community with resourceful, efficient, progressive and professional leadership.

- Adopted by Council action, July 25, 1989 -

Crossing Guards needed

Do you enjoy working outdoors and with children? The Santa Clara Police Department is looking for dependable individuals to safeguard the children of our community by working as Crossing Guards.

Starting pay is \$12.28 per hour with a maximum of 15 hours per week. There are openings for several relief/substitute Crossing Guards at various locations throughout Santa Clara.

For more information, contact DeAnna Black at 615-4875 or by email at [dblack@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:dblack@santaclaraca.gov).



City Public Meeting Schedule

Board of Library Trustees*	1st Monday	7:00 pm
Citizens Advisory Committee	4th Monday	7:00 pm
City Council	Two Tuesdays per month	7:00 pm
Civil Service Commission	2nd Monday	7:00 pm
Cultural Advisory Commission	1st Monday	7:30 pm
Historical & Landmarks Commission	1st Thursday	7:00 pm
International Exchange Commission	1st Tuesday	7:00 pm
Parks & Recreation Commission	3rd Tuesday	7:00 pm
Planning Commission	2nd & 4th Wednesday	7:00 pm
Senior Advisory Commission**	4th Monday	10:00 am
Youth Commission (during the school year)***	2nd Tuesday	6:00 pm

Some commissions/committees meet monthly and others meet semi-monthly. Agendas for City Council, Board and Commission meetings are posted at the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall, the Central Park Library and Mission Library, and on the City website, at least 3 days before the listed meeting. Complete agenda packets with back-up reports for City Council meetings are available at either City Library beginning Saturday before the Tuesday meetings, or at the City Clerk’s Office on weekdays. The City website also allows for the viewing of Council Agenda Reports online, at [santaclaraca.gov/calendarc\\_m\\_cur.html](http://santaclaraca.gov/calendarc_m_cur.html).

\* Meeting is at Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Road

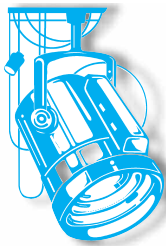
\*\* Meeting is at the Senior Center, 1303 Fremont Street

\*\*\* Meeting is at Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue

Online schedule: [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov)

Dates and times may vary. Call (408) 615-2220 for information.





# SPOTLIGHT ON CITY BOARD, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

## Volunteers needed! (continued from page 1)

The deadlines to receive applications for each commission, interview dates and times, and interview locations are as follows:

Commission	Deadline to apply (5 p.m.)	Interview dates and times	Interview location
Cultural Advisory Commission	June 17	June 23, 6 p.m.	City Hall Lobby
Planning Commission	June 17	June 23, 7 p.m.	Council Chambers
Historical & Landmarks Commission	July 1	July 7, 6 p.m.	City Hall Lobby
Senior Advisory Commission	July 8	July 14, 6 p.m.	City Hall Lobby

The 7-member Cultural Advisory Commission advises the City Council on matters relating to the cultural enrichment and beautification of Santa Clara. Some of their ongoing projects include the Summer Concerts in the Park series, art contests and exhibitions at City Hall, and banner contests and exhibitions on El Camino Real.

The 7-member Planning Commission advises the City Council on matters pertaining to the physical development of Santa Clara, and makes recommendations with respect to land subdivisions, zoning as prescribed by ordinance, and more.

The 7-member Historical & Landmarks Commission provides advice on the names and renaming of streets, museums and the establishment thereof in the City, and the marking and preservation of historical landmarks and places.

The 7-member Senior Advisory Commission advises the City Council on matters affecting people age 50 and older in Santa Clara.

City Commissions generally meet every month, or every other month, in the evening with these exceptions; the Planning Commission sometimes meets twice per month; the Senior Advisory Commission meetings are held on a weekday morning.

The City is also seeking residents who may be interested in serving on any of the City’s ten boards or commissions, or on City committees, at some point in the future. Your name can be placed on a mailing list, and you will be notified when vacancies occur. Commissions/committees include: Board of Library Trustees, Civil Service Commission, Cultural Advisory Commission, Historical & Landmarks Commission, International Exchange Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Senior Advisory Commission, Youth Commission, and the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Committee. Additional committees, including the Americans with Disabilities Act Committee and Bicycle Committee, would also like to hear from interested members of the public who may be willing to serve.

If you are a registered voter (or in the case of the Youth Commission, a Santa Clara resident, age 12-19), and are interested in serving on any of these board/commissions/committees, or would like more information, contact the City Clerk’s Office, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050. You may call the Clerk’s Office on weekdays at 615-2220, email [clerk@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov) or visit the online website [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov).

## ADA Committee meets June 8

The City of Santa Clara Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Committee will hold its joint meeting with the City Staff ADA Compliance Committee on Monday, June 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The ADA Advisory Committee is composed of representatives from the community, both individuals and organizations such as Hearing Loss Association of America and the Adult Independence Development Center. Members of the public are invited to attend the meetings and participate in the various accessibility issues discussed. Meeting locations are broadcast on Santa Clara Cable Channel 15. For further information, contact the Engineering Department at 615-3000.

## In nature, Mother knows best!

*(Portion reprinted from the Spring/Summer 2009 issue of “Tracks,” a publication of the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley)*

Every year, many kindhearted and well intentioned members of the community bring the Wildlife Center animals that would have been better off left alone. This situation is called “over-rescue.”

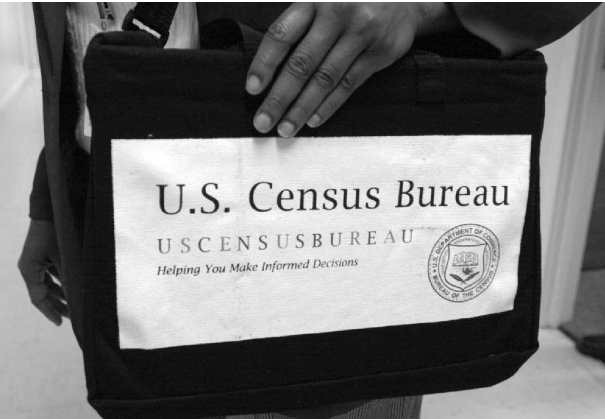
As an example, when young birds or mammals are seen floundering around on the ground they look completely helpless and alone. In many cases, however, their mother is close by, gathering food or hiding because she senses a threat and is just waiting to come out. That’s

why sometimes the best thing to do is simply let her come back and take over, as she can provide the absolute best care for her young.

If you find a bird or mammal that you think is injured and needs help, if you can easily catch it, place it in a box and call the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA) at 764-0344 to pick it up (SVACA works in conjunction with the Wildlife Center). But if it can fly, swim, hop or otherwise get away from you, please leave it alone. Mother Nature knows best.

For more information, you can call the Wildlife Center helpline at 929-WILD (9453) to get advice from trained staff and volunteers, or visit their website at [wcsv.org](http://wcsv.org).

## Census Bureau is confirming addresses throughout the nation



In 2010, every household in the United States will receive a census questionnaire. The data gathered in this effort, which occurs every 10 years, provides an accurate description of America’s population and helps leaders at all levels of government make decisions.

Having an accurate count and description of residents in Santa Clara is important because census data is used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and to redistrict the State legislature. Information from the census also affects federal and state funding that is allocated to local communities for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation and other programs and services.

This spring, the Census Bureau placed canvassers in every community of the nation to identify every place where people live or could potentially live, and to verify more than 145 million addresses. For the first time in Decennial Census history, census workers were confirming, adding, and deleting addresses using a GPS-equipped hand-held computer. Each computer is so secure that it will work only when activated by the fingerprint of its assigned operator. Each building or structure receives Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates to make sure it is also recorded in the right location. Census workers also were updating maps by adding new roads. This work, which was completed in May, ensures that the census address list is complete so that everyone can be counted in the 2010 census.



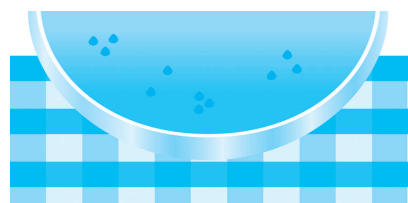
## 49er update

The City Council has set a special City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 7 p.m. to consider the proposed Term Sheet for the potential 49ers football stadium. The Term Sheet would clarify and document the understandings and commitments of parties involved in the proposed stadium project. A staff report and Term Sheet will be part of the City’s Agenda Packet, and will be available beginning the weekend of May 30th, to review online and at both City Libraries.

The June 2nd Council meeting is open to the public, and will be broadcast live on Cable Channel 15 and streamed via the City’s website. The proposed stadium location is on one of the parking lots of California’s Great America, called the “overflow lot,” located on the southwest corner of Tasman Drive and Centennial Drive.







# 20 Ways to Enjoy

## 1. Visit the Farmers Market on Saturday mornings



The Downtown Santa Clara Farmers Market is in full swing every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jackson Street between Homestead and Benton, all year round. Sponsored by the Downtown Santa Clara Merchants Association and the Urban Village Farmers Market Association, this weekly event provides Santa Clara residents with fruits and vegetables fresh from local fields and orchards, as well as live music to enjoy while shopping. Breads, cakes and other baked goods are also available and fresh seafood from the California coast. Please bring your own reusable bags to hold your purchases.

Summer's bounty offers an appetizing way to get five daily servings of fruits and veggies, and delectable fruits like peaches, plums, apricots, melons and a wide assortment of summer berries provide an easy and delicious way to eat healthy.

## 2. Tour a sculpture exhibition

The City of Santa Clara's Biennial Indoor Sculpture Exhibition has nearly 70 pieces of art on display at City Hall, 1500 Warburton Avenue through July. A jury consisting of commissioners from the Cultural Advisory Commission selected the sculptures, which range from whimsical to beautiful to evocative.

The public is encouraged to tour this exhibition, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For more information, call 615-2210.



## 3. Send the kids to day camps

Are you looking for a fun and exciting day camp for your kids this summer? Look no further than the Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department's Tiny Timbers (5-7 years) and Day Camp (8-10 years) programs. We offer competitive weekly rates, 8:1 supervision ratios, weekly field trips, and an extended camp program for those families needing early drop-off and late pick-up. Camps are located at Maywood and Lick Mill Parks. For more information, refer to the *Summer Recreation Activities Guide* found online or call 615-3740.

## 4. Garden at Ulistac

Volunteers are needed to continue the restoration and maintenance of the California native vegetation and preserve the wildlife habitat of Ulistac Natural Area, 40 acres of open space that showcase the way this valley looked more than a century ago. Workdays are June 6 and 21, July 19, and August 1 and 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers should wear long pants and sturdy work shoes, be equipped with sunscreen and hats, and bring a lunch and plenty of water for drinking. Gloves and tools are provided.

Ulistac Natural Area is located along the Guadalupe River on Lick Mill Boulevard south of Tasman Drive. Public access is provided from Lick Mill Boulevard and the creekside trail along the Guadalupe River. The park is open every day from sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

A brochure for self-guided tours, funded by a grant from Applied Materials, is available at the site and trails have interpretive panels to provide additional information on the natural history of the area. Visit the website at [scu.edu/envs/ulistac](http://scu.edu/envs/ulistac), call 554-5419, or email [ulistac@scu.edu](mailto:ulistac@scu.edu) for more information.

## 5. Take a class

Three summer sessions are scheduled for Mission College, and there are plenty of openings for more students. Take a class for fun, or to explore a new career, or to hone your job skills. The College has a wide variety of courses available and tuition is just \$20 per unit.

The fall semester begins August 31 and also has capacity to accept more students. For information on summer and fall courses and how to enroll, visit the website [missioncollege.org](http://missioncollege.org) or call 988-2200. Mission College is located at 3000 Mission College Blvd. The campus is served by bus lines 57 and 60.

## 6. Walk a trail

Another section of the San Tomas Aquino/Saratoga Creek Trail will open soon, providing a continuous recreational trail 3.85 miles in length extending from the San Francisco Bay Trail near Highway 237 to Monroe Street.

The newest portion goes from Scott Boulevard to Monroe Street along the west bank of the San Tomas Aquino Creek, with under crossings at Central Expressway, Walsh Avenue, and the Caltrain railroad tracks. A new at-grade crossing at Monroe Street provides a signalized traffic crossing for pedestrians and bicyclists to safely connect to a parking lot at the Creek Trailhead at Monroe Street and the San Tomas Aquino/Saratoga Creek.

The next section of the San Tomas Aquino/Saratoga Creek Trail is now under construction and expected to be completed this fall. It will extend approximately 1000 feet from the Creek Trailhead to Cabrillo Avenue and connect to existing on-street bicycle lanes on Cabrillo Avenue. For more information on the Creek Trail, visit [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov) and search for "Creek Trail."

## 7. Build a telescope or learn about NASA missions

If your family is interested in astronomy and would like to learn how to build and use a small telescope, NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Eric Norris will present a Galileoscope program on Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Santa Clara Central Park Library.

The Galileoscope is a high quality, low cost telescope kit developed for the International Year of Astronomy 2009 by a team of leading astronomers, optical engineers, and science educators. Norris will explain how telescopes work, discuss some good astronomy targets for a small scope, and will demonstrate how to assemble the telescope from the kit. This program is limited to 3rd graders and up, and children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be a limited number of Galileoscope kits sold—only one per family, but others may attend the program, as well.

Norris will also offer a multimedia presentation at the Library on Wednesday, June 3, at 7 p.m. on the Kepler Mission search for other earths, the recent Hubble servicing mission, the Mars Exploration Rovers Spirit and Opportunity, and other missions to the solar system.

To reserve a space for either program, stop by the Reference Desk or call 615-2900.

## 8. See a play

The Santa Clara Players present "True West," a play by Sam Shepard, at the Triton Museum Hall Pavilion on June 5-7 and 11-14. Curtain time is 8 p.m. for evening performances and 2:30 p.m. for matinees. Tickets are \$15 with senior and student discounts available. Opening night tickets on June 5 are \$18 and include a champagne reception. They will also be presenting a show for children on August 7-9, and 15-16. For more information, see [scplayers.org](http://scplayers.org) or call 248-7993.

## 9. Cheer for Olympic swimmers



Some of the best swimmers in the United States and from throughout the world – including Olympic champion Michael Phelps — will be in Santa Clara the weekend of June 11-14 to participate in the 42nd Santa Clara International Invitational Swim Meet.

Along with Phelps, who earned eight Gold Medals at the Beijing Olympics, other swimmers competing will include Matt Grevers, Dana Vollmer, Mary Descenza, Ryan Lochte, Ariana Kukors, Kate Ziegler, and top swimmers from South America, Australia, Japan, and Canada. Held at the George F. Haines International Swim Center, the Invitational meet will be the last major competition before

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# Summer in Santa Clara

World Championship Trials and World Championships this summer. The event is part of the United States Swimming Grand Prix series and will be webcast on [SwimNetwork.com](#) through United States Swimming. The competition begins at 4 p.m. on Thursday afternoon and concludes on Sunday evening. Preliminaries begin daily at 9 a.m. with finals starting each evening at 5 p.m. Ticket purchase and other information can be found on the Santa Clara Swim Club’s website at [santaclaraswimclub.org](#).

## 10. Watch a vintage fashion show and enjoy a lovely garden

The lovely, shaded garden of the Harris-Lass Historic Museum at 1889 Market St. will be the setting for an “Afternoon Tea and Vintage Fashion Show” from 1 – 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 14. Guests will be served tea, scones, finger sandwiches, fruit and pastries. Guests will also enjoy a vintage hat and fashion show featuring costumes and dress of the 19th and early 20th century. The historical fashion show will be organized and performed by actors from History San Jose’s renowned “Portraits of the Past” ([portraitsofthepast.org](#)) who take on the roles and model the clothes once worn by actual pioneers from Santa Clara Valley’s past. Guests will also receive a pass to return, at a later date, for a private tour of the beautifully appointed Harris-Lass House with its delightful antique collections. Tickets for this fundraiser are \$25 each in advance. Purchase early, seating is limited. Contact Maria at 246-3822 for more information or to reserve tickets for this fun event, or leave an inquiry on the message line of the Harris-Lass House Museum at 249-7905.

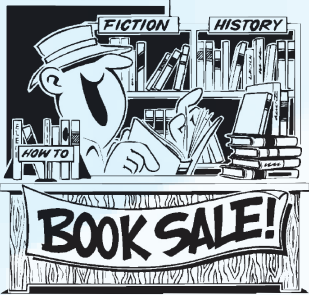
## 11. Listen to a concert in the park

The City of Santa Clara’s Concerts in the Park series offers free performances on three Wednesday evenings and seven Sunday afternoons at Central Park Pavilion. Central Park is located at 909 Kiely Blvd. Evening concerts are 6:30-8 p.m. and Sunday concerts are 2:30-4 p.m. The series is sponsored by the City’s Cultural Advisory Commission. For more information, call 615-2210.

Date	Band Name	
June 17	Tom Rigney and Flambeau	Cajun/Zydeco
June 24	Robinson Family Band	Blues/R&B
July 1	Local performers	Variety
July 12	Peter Cor and the Jazzy Devils	Jazz
July 19	The Lyratones	Big Band
July 26	The Sparkletones	50s
August 2	Retro Rockets	Rock/Blues/Motown
August 9	Usual Suspects	Classic Rock
August 16	Red Beans & Rice	Blues/Cajun
August 23	The Rippin Band	Hard Rock

## 12. Buy a book

Add to your private book collection, find a bargain, and support the Santa Clara City Library by purchasing books at the Friends of the Library Book Sales on Saturday, June 20, July 18 and August 15. The book sales are held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Central Park Library Cedar Room, 2635 Homestead Rd. Visit [lovethelibrary.org](#) for more information about the Foundation & Friends of the Santa Clara City Library or call 615-2987.



## 13. Celebrate July 4th



Enjoy the traditional All City Picnic at Central Park, followed by fireworks at night. See details on page 1. All City offices, including the Library, are closed on Independence Day.

## 14. Play golf for charity

Enjoy a great tournament at the Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club on July 10, while supporting three worthy causes serving community youth – the Wade Brummal Scholarship Fund, Friends of Parks & Recreation, and the Kiwanis Club of Santa Clara. The entry fee of \$85 includes a green fee, cart rental, tee prizes, refreshments, awards and a post-tournament party at David’s Restaurant. Shotgun start is at 1 p.m. Sign up deadline is July 2. Entry forms are available at the Parks & Recreation office and the Community Recreation Center. Call 615-2260 or 615-3160 for entry information or to sponsor a hole. A second charity tournament will be held on August 19 to benefit the Police Activities League (PAL). The 32nd annual event starts at 10 a.m. at the Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club, followed by awards and a fundraiser dinner at 6 p.m. at the Santa Clara Hilton. Proceeds will benefit the children in the Santa Clara community who will be able to participate in various PAL programs throughout the year. PAL is a non-profit organization. All monetary donations are used to purchase equipment, uniforms and insurance and help fund the PAL Scholarship program. For more information, call 615-4880. See the related article on page 13.

## 15. Check out your antiques

Do you have an antique or collectable that you think might be valuable? Do you envy the people that get selected to have a family heirloom evaluated on *Antique Roadshow*? If so, buy a ticket for the Harris-Lass Museum *Antiques Appraisal Show and Tell* on Wednesday, July 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1889 Market Street. Each ticket holder may bring one item for appraisal by Denise Harr, former owner of the Antiquarium shop in Los Gatos, or her assistant. Only one item per person will be appraised. Tickets to participate in this event are \$15 each and include a box lunch. Tickets can be ordered from: Antique Appraisal Luncheon Coordinator, 1983 Harrison St., Santa Clara, CA 95050. The event is limited to 50 people. For more information, call Anita at 296-5949.

## 16. Rock with young performers

The 41st season of the Roberta Jones Junior Theatre concludes with a toe-tapping production of “Schoolhouse Rock Live, Jr.,” the Emmy Award-winning Saturday morning cartoon series brought to life in one of the most fun and energetic musicals ever to hit the stage! A cast of young performers, ages 8-15 years, will take the stage on July 28, 29 and 30 at 7 p.m. Advance tickets are on sale until July 27 at a cost of \$3 for children and \$6 for adults. Performances are at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts, 3250 Monroe St. Ticket order forms are available at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd., download forms at [RJJT.org](#), or call 615-3161. Roberta Jones Junior Theatre is sponsored by the City of Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department.

## 17. Meet your neighbors

Participate in the 26th Annual National Night Out program, designed to increase awareness of crime prevention programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit by creating a positive police and community partnership.

On Tuesday, August 4, from 6 to 9 p.m. residents in neighborhoods throughout Santa Clara and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on the outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and Police.

Neighborhood events can be casual and informal such as a potluck or ice cream social, or more elaborate activities including closing off a block for a street party. A petition signed by all neighbors affected by the street closure must be submitted to the City’s Business License Department for approval at least two weeks before the event.

For more information, contact Jamie Caron in the Community Services Unit of the Police Department at 615-4876 or by email at [jcaron@santaclaraca.gov](#).







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18. Dance in the street

The Franklin Square Street Dance, featuring the Joe Sharino Band, will be held on Friday, August 7, 7 to 9:30 p.m. This all-star band will provide the best of pop, rock, Motown, funk, country and swing on Jackson Street between Homestead Road and Benton Street, adjacent to the Franklin Square. Enjoy the evening with neighbors and friends at this very popular free event. Refreshments will be available for purchase, or plan to start the evening by making reservations for an early dinner at a Franklin Square restaurant. Don't miss this enjoyable event, sponsored by the City of Santa Clara Cultural Advisory Commission. For more information, call 615-2210.

19. Have a garage sale on Aug. 15

Saturday, Aug. 15 is "Garage Sale Day" in Santa Clara. Residents throughout the City are encouraged to hold garage sales on this date, and the event will be advertised in local newspapers, as well as on Cable Channel 15 and on the City's website.



- Here are a few tips for a successful garage sale:
- ❑ Look throughout your home, garage and attic for items no longer wanted or needed.
  - ❑ Write down the items you want to sell and their prices on a master list (helpful in case a price tag is lost).
  - ❑ Put the price on brightly colored tags or large stickers on each item, and write clearly.
  - ❑ Post signs on private property only. No signs may be posted on utility or street sign poles. Mount signs on stakes in your yard, or put a sign on your car or van. Use bright colors and bold lettering when making signs.
  - ❑ Display sale items attractively (furniture clean and polished; clothing on hangers or folded neatly; books and knick-knacks dusted, etc.). Have change and petty cash available. Use newspaper to wrap breakables, and have plenty of bags and boxes available for your sales.
  - ❑ Donate usable items not sold. Gently used books, CDs and DVDs can be donated to the library; clothing, appliances, and furniture can go to various charitable organizations.

Detailed information on holding a successful garage sale, places to donate unsold usable items, rules for garage sale signs and their placement, etc. can be found at [santaclaraca.gov/pub\\_works/pw\\_garage\\_sale.html](http://santaclaraca.gov/pub_works/pw_garage_sale.html), or call 615-2063.

20. Eat ice cream (if you're 50+)

The annual Ice Cream Social for older adults (ages 50 and up) will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 26, at the Santa Clara Senior Center, 1303 Fremont St. For just 50 cents per person, there will be plenty of ice cream and a variety of toppings to create favorite sundaes! As you enjoy your dessert, you will also be entertained with live music performed by the Peninsula Banjo Band.

Public hearing set on refuse rate changes

Proposed rate increases for the Garbage and Recycling program services will be considered for adoption at 7 p.m. on June 9 at a public hearing in the Council Chambers at City Hall (1500 Warburton Ave.). The approved rates could become effective on utility billings as early as July 1, 2009.

Service Type/Level	Current Rate per Month	Proposed Monthly Increase	Proposed Monthly Rates, July 2009
Single-Family Residential*			
- 1 can (32 gal.) or small cart	\$17.05	+ \$0.95	\$18.00
- 2 cans (two 32 gal.) or medium cart	\$25.74	+ \$1.20	\$26.94
- 3 cans (three 32 gal.) or large cart	\$34.43	+ \$1.45	\$35.88
- 1 can (20 gal.) Super Saver cart	\$11.70	+ \$0.95	\$12.65
- Additional (32 gal.) cans	\$8.69/can	+ \$0.25	\$8.94/can
Clean-Up Campaign charge for residence (unless excepted)	\$3.80	No change	\$3.80
Household Hazardous Waste	\$0.25	No change	\$0.25
All other Garbage rates	-	+ 2.8%	-

\*Rate includes \$7.55/month for Clean Green green waste collection (no increase) and \$1.20/month for recycling collection (\$0.70 increase).

A proposed 2.8% increase in all other garbage collection and disposal rates is necessary to cover projected increased cost of collection and disposal. Single-family residential rates include fees for the Clean Green collection program of \$7.55 (no increase), and the recycling collection program charge of \$1.20 per residence (\$0.70 proposed increase for single family residence, and \$0.40 increase for multi-family residence). The proposed rate increases develop revenues to cover: cost-of-living adjustments in contracts with the private companies that provide garbage collection, Clean Green, and disposal services; increased State, County, and City of San Jose disposal taxes and fees; increased costs for expanded recycling services; and City of Santa Clara billing and program costs.

The charges for the annual Clean-Up Campaign and the Household Hazardous Waste Program will remain at their current rate with no increases proposed. Utility customers who are not able to attend the June 9 public hearings may still convey their comments in writing to City of Santa Clara, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, California 95050, prior to these meetings. Please indicate your name and property address on any communication.

For more information about the proposed increases in rates for Garbage, Clean Green and Recycling program services, call the City's Street Department at 615-2051, or visit the City's website at [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov) and select "Current Interest" in the "City Gov" drop down menu.

Rate changes proposed for water, recycled water & sewer utilities

Proposed rate changes for water, recycled water and sewer utilities will be considered by the City Council at a public hearing on June 23, 2009, 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 1500 Warburton Ave. If approved, the rates could be effective as early as July 1, 2009.

Proposed increases are being considered due to rising costs of service, including rising prices for operating expenses, rising costs of purchased water, costs for repairs or replacement of aging infrastructure, maintaining existing service levels in light of projected lower revenues from the economic downturn, and other factors. An increase of up to 15% in water consumption charges is proposed, which would increase the rate from \$2.305 to \$2.65 per unit (one unit is equal to 748 gallons). For the average residential customer using 12 units of water per month, the new rate would result in a \$4.14 increase to the average residential monthly bill. Even with the proposed increase, Santa Clara's water rates would remain among the lowest in the Bay Area. A \$4.09 month increase to the single-family residential sewer charge would bring the monthly charge to \$18.70 per month. Multi-family residential, commercial and industrial sewer rates are also proposed for increases. Recycled water rates are also proposed to increase slightly. For more information, call the Water & Sewer Utility at 615-2000, or see the City's website at [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov) and select "Current Interest" in the "City Gov" drop down menu.

Economic Funds (continued from page 1)

- funds, that are "shovel ready," include:
- \$1.51 million for street maintenance projects and the Monroe Street Traffic Signal Interconnect
  - \$17.1 million for the Walsh Avenue Sanitary Sewer Improvements
  - \$3.6 million for replacement of the Walsh Avenue elevated water storage tank
  - \$4 – 12 million for reclaimed water project expansion and improvement
  - \$290,000 for partial funding for Bracher Park restrooms
  - \$11 million for Smart Grid Implementation Project for Automated Metering for electricity delivery and enhanced energy reliability
  - \$1.2 million for energy efficiency improvement projects
  - \$2.68 million for hiring five new police officers (funding for 3 years)
  - \$79,000 for a Police Justice Assistance Grant
  - \$1.1 million for partial funding for Fire Station 7 and 8 upgrades for proper storage of emergency response equipment
- The City expects to find out in the next few months which of these projects have been selected for funding.





## Go green with paperless e-billing and payments

Save paper! Save postage! Save time! Sign up now for the municipal Electric Utility/Silicon Valley Power’s paperless e-billing service to automatically receive your bill online and pay it online. The new e-billing system is accessed at [siliconvalleypower.com](http://siliconvalleypower.com). Just click on “Bill Payment Options” to sign up. When your bill is ready to view online, you’ll receive notification by email and have a wide choice of paperless online payment options, including automatic payments using a credit card, checking account, or your own bank’s online home banking services. Credit card payments are also accepted by phone 24 hours a day. Help Santa Clara to go green, greener, greenest!

## Cool your home and save money with rebates

Silicon Valley Power, the City of Santa Clara’s municipal Electric Utility, makes it easy to stay out of the heat while saving money this summer. Rebates and energy savings can quickly cover the cost of home improvements and allow you to do your part in energy conservation. An attic without proper insulation lets cool air escape and traps hot air above your ceiling. Qualified customers who install insulation in at least 50 percent of their total attic space can receive up to \$175. Installing a solar powered attic fan receives up to a \$100 rebate. By greatly reducing the need for air conditioning, whole house fans diminish electric costs and qualify for up to a \$200 rebate. Installing up to three Energy Star-rated ceiling fans can give you \$35 for each fan. Other summer-related rebates are \$200 for upgrading to a new high efficiency pool pump and a \$50 rebate for replacing and recycling a working window air conditioner with an Energy Start unit. Visit [siliconvalleypower.com/rebates](http://siliconvalleypower.com/rebates) for a full list of rebates and details on how to apply, or call 244-SAVE (7283).

### Santa Clara Vanguard wins world championship

The Santa Clara Vanguard winter color guard captured the Winter Guard International World Championship, the first win by a Bay Area team since 2003. The Vanguard finished the 2009 season undefeated and then went to Dayton, Ohio for the final competition which brought together more than 200 indoor color guards from the US, Canada, Europe and Japan vying for a world championship gold medal. Indoor color guards are comprised of 12 to 30 members and compete on weekends throughout the winter, usually in high school or college gymnasiums before thousands of spectators. They perform to pre-recorded music and use movement training and equipment skills on flag, rifle and sabre to achieve effects with color, body movement, intricate drills and patterns. Each performance is about seven minutes long. More information about the Santa Clara Vanguard Drum & Bugle Corps can be found at [SCVanguard.org](http://SCVanguard.org).

PRODUCT CONTENT LABEL

for Santa Clara Green Power<sup>1</sup>

Santa Clara Green Power matches 100% of your estimated monthly electricity usage. Santa Clara Green Power will be made up of the following new renewable resources averaged annually.

Green-e Energy Certified New <sup>2</sup> Renewables in		Generation Location
Santa Clara Green Power		
-Solar	2.5%	California
-Wind	97.5%	California
Total Green-e Energy Certified New Renewables	100%	California

1. These figures reflect the power that we have contracted to provide. Actual figures may vary according to resource availability. We will annually report to you the actual resource mix of the electricity you purchased during the preceding year.

2. New Renewables come from generation facilities that first began commercial operation on or after 1/1/97.

For comparison, the 2008 mix of resources supplying Silicon Valley Power includes: Coal (23.6%), Nuclear (1%), CA Eligible Renewable (30.1%), Natural Gas (26.1%), Large Hydroelectric (19.2%), and Other (0%).

For specific information about this electricity product, please contact Silicon Valley Power at 408-244-SAVE (7283), or email us at [green@siliconvalleypower.com](mailto:green@siliconvalleypower.com), or visit [www.siliconvalleypower.com/green](http://www.siliconvalleypower.com/green).

Green-e Energy certifies that Santa Clara Green Power meets the minimum environmental and consumer protection standards established by the non-profit Center for Resource Solutions. For more information on Green-e Energy certification requirements, call 1-888-63-GREEN or log on to [www.green-e.org](http://www.green-e.org).

## General Plan Update continues to seek public input

Work is continuing on the comprehensive update of the City’s General Plan, which will guide the future of the community from 2010 to 2035. [See the insert for information on how the General Plan has guided policy decisions for the past 50+ years.] A key component of the update involves residents and businesses to define the vision for Santa Clara in the years to come. So far, public participation activities have included:

- Three community workshops to address the City’s Vision, Environment and Housing, and Alternative Land Uses
- A General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) scoping meeting
- Five meetings of the community-based steering committee
- A City-wide survey, with almost 1,600 responses
- Three newsletters, including two distributed City-wide to all residences and businesses
- Two series of stakeholder interviews
- Two City Council/Planning Commission study session meetings
- Presentations and interviews with representatives of local and regional agencies
- A Santa Clara General Plan website, where members of the public can provide written input and sign up to receive notifications of upcoming meetings and events
- An open house to provide an opportunity for public review and input on the proposed Preferred Progressive General Plan for 2010-2035

Later this year, the Draft Environmental Impact Report and Draft Progressive General Plan will be available for public review and comment. In Spring and Summer 2010, there will be fully noticed public hearings on both by the Planning Commission and City Council. To be included in the public notification list for the General Plan Update, sign-up at [santaclaragp.com](http://santaclaragp.com). Comments and questions can be submitted via the website, by email to [Dhanderson@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:Dhanderson@santaclaraca.gov), or by mail to: Doug Handerson, Planning Division, City of Santa Clara, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050. See the related four-page General Plan insert in the center section of this newspaper.

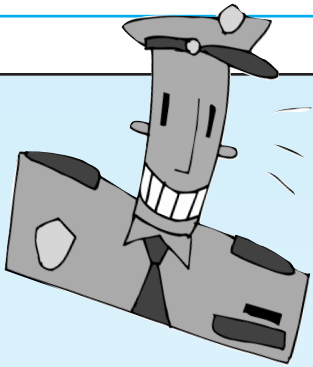
## Great America (Continued from page 16)

throughout the season with an exciting line-up of new special events, multi-cultural celebrations and concerts throughout the season. Visit [cagreatamerica.com](http://cagreatamerica.com) for event details and dates. With so much to see and do, one day at California’s Great America just isn’t enough! Guests looking to enjoy a full season of family fun and thrills can choose from three different season pass options. Already the best entertainment value around, all season passes include free parking at California’s Great America! For more information regarding California’s Great America’s 2009 season pass program, call 988-1776 or order online via the park’s website.





# CODE COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS



**Q Can my neighbors operate a children’s day care business in their home?**

**A** Yes, child day care businesses can operate out of private homes. Day care homes are classified as either large family day care homes or small family day care homes, based on the number of children that are cared for in the home, and the regulations are different for each.

Small family day care homes can take care of up to eight children and can be operated in any single family home or duplex without any special regulations. No inspection by the City is required.

Large family day care homes can care for nine to 14 children. Prior to being approved as a large family day care home for children, the home must be licensed through the California Department of Social Services – Community Care Licensing. In order to be licensed, large family day care homes must also apply for a City business license, and the Fire Department must grant a fire clearance based on an inspection of the property. Once licensed, the Fire Department conducts annual inspections of large family day care homes. Large family day care homes must comply with the regulations set forth in Section 310.15 of the California Building Code.

For more information related to family day care homes, contact the Santa Clara Fire Department, Division of Fire Prevention at 615-4970 or the State Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing at 277-1286.

**Q My neighbor has a boat parked on the front lawn. Is this legal?**

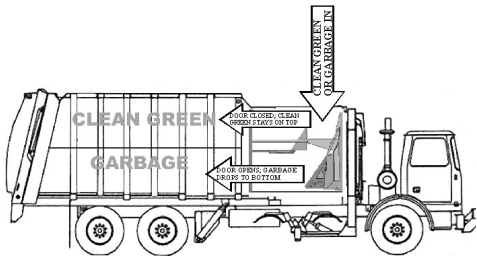
**A** The Municipal Code restricts the parking of any vehicle – including boats – on landscaped areas of residential property. They must be parked on areas surfaced with all-weather materials, such as concrete, asphalt, brick, stone, or gravel.

It is also illegal to park vehicles, including boats, in one location, on any street or alley for more than 72 consecutive hours.

To report boats or other vehicles parked illegally on landscaped areas of residential properties, call the City’s Code Enforcement Office at 615-2460. To report a vehicle parked longer than 72 hours in one location on the street, call Abandoned Vehicle Abatement at 615-4778.

## Two-compartment trucks collect, keep separate Clean Green and garbage

When watching the trucks collecting garbage and Clean Green, some residents have wondered why it looks like both materials are put into the same compartment on the truck. Actually, co-collection trucks (which have been used by Mission Trail Waste Systems since 1999) are innovative vehicles that are able to collect and keep separate two different materials at one time.



These trucks are called “split-body,” which means that the interior of the truck is divided into two completely separate compartments. Garbage and Clean Green are emptied into the same opening on the truck, which can make it look as though both materials are being co-mingled. But the driver is actually keeping the materials separate by using a control in the cab of the truck to divert one commodity (garbage) into the lower compartment and another commodity (Clean Green) into the upper compartment.

Cameras located above the disposal opening allow the driver to verify that the door is operating properly and to make sure that the resident’s cart is fully emptied. Separate doors at the rear of the truck, labeled with the appropriate markings (“Garbage” or “Clean Green”) are used to empty the truck when both compartments are full.

## Signs are needed by businesses, but too many signs lead to clutter

Businesses need signage to help customers find them. Too many signs can look cluttered and be a blight in commercial areas, and, importantly, can reduce the effectiveness of the signs.

In response to complaints received from other businesses and residents, the Santa Clara Police and Planning Departments recently worked together on an education and enforcement effort to balance these two conflicting points of view. The focus was an abundance of illegal temporary signs such as A-frame signs, “front yard” signs, and signs attached to City light poles and on the City’s public sidewalks along two of the City’s busiest commercial thoroughfares: El Camino Real and Stevens Creek Boulevard.

Where illegally posted signs were found, Community Service Officers and Code Enforcement personnel undertook an educational effort by issuing Notices of Violation that have no monetary fine. Business owners were advised that if not remedied, a sign violation could be a \$500 fine versus approximately \$60 for a temporary permit for those signs which are allowable.

In response, the vast majority of the contacted business owners cooperated and removed the illegally posted signs. Some have since come in to the City’s Permit Center to apply for permits for the types of temporary signs that are allowed.

The City’s sign ordinance speaks to the issue of illegally posted signs and addresses sign clutter, but it also recognizes that there is a business interest and need to have adequate business identification and therefore has regulations that allow permanent and temporary signs. The City appreciates the cooperation of business owners throughout the City in adhering to the sign regulations.

For more information about sign regulations, call the City’s Code Enforcement office at 615-2460.

## B.Y.O.B. – Bring your own bag

Plastic grocery bags, other single use bags, and their negative impact on the environment continue to be in the news. The easiest way to mitigate their effect is to bring your own bags to the store.

Reusable bags and totes (made of canvas, mesh, recycled PET, etc.) can be easily stored at home or in your car to be used and reused on your trips to the market. Many grocery stores sell reusable bags and some offer “bag credit” (a small amount off the total at the cash register) for bringing reusable bags.

Plastic bags (grocery, shopping, dry cleaning, newspaper, bread) and paper bags can be recycled through the curbside recycling program. Place your recyclable plastic bags in a 30-gallon clear plastic bag and set it next to your gray bin. Grocery stores also offer on-site plastic bag recycling bins. Paper bags can be set out with mixed paper.

Want to check what your local grocery store offers in the way of reusable bags and plastic bag recycling? A list of stores and their telephone numbers are listed below.

Green Earth Foods	3521 Homestead Rd.	243-9005
Kyo-Po Market	3379 El Camino Real	244-1234
Lucky	3705 El Camino Real	247-5200
	234 Saratoga Ave.	296-0515
Safeway	2760 Homestead Rd.	248-0563
	3970 Rivermark Plaza	855-0980
	3071 Stevens Creek Blvd.	248-3305
	2605 The Alameda	244-6873
Save Mart	2610 El Camino Real	984-0419
Smart & Final	2065 El Camino Real	296-3293

## Show your pride in Santa Clara



Just in time for your summer road trip! Stop by the Santa Clara City Store to see the new chrome-tone license plate frames available for \$8. Show your Santa Clara pride wherever you go! Also at the City Store are many other branded items that make great gifts for graduation, Father’s Day, or a special present for yourself. Don’t forget that the purchase of many

second items receives a 25% discount. Merchandise includes: High Tech/Human Touch (HT2) t-shirts (\$9); All America City note cubes (\$6); Blue polo-type shirts (\$26); Writing portfolios with pen (\$19); Sleeve of Mission City golf balls (\$7); and City watches (\$30). Stop in at the City Store, located at the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce and Convention-Visitors Bureau offices, 1850 Warburton Ave. to see these items and others. Or visit [santaclaraca.gov/community/commu\\_city\\_store.html](http://santaclaraca.gov/community/commu_city_store.html).

## Chicken BBQ

Don’t miss out on all the fun! The Santa Clara Sister Cities Association is holding its Annual Chicken BBQ on August 23, 2009 at the Elks Lodge, 1680 Martin Ave. This popular fundraiser helps support sister city exchange activities. For more information, email [debid56@comcast.net](mailto:debid56@comcast.net) or visit [santaclarasistercities.org](http://santaclarasistercities.org).







## Proper refuse set-outs

Make solid waste collection/recycling day easy and efficient by following these simple guidelines:

- Place refuse and recyclables curbside prior to 7 a.m. on your collection day.
- Place garbage and Clean Green carts in the gutter with the wheels against the curb, at least 3 feet away from each other and from obstacles such as parked cars, landscaping, etc. Cart lids must be closed.
- Place recycling bins at the curb line (edge of the sidewalk closest to the gutter) without obstructing the sidewalk and at least 3 feet away from carts. Do NOT place recycling bins in front of carts.
- After containers are emptied, return them to the backyard or side yard, until next collection day.



### Garbage:

Place household garbage (non-hazardous solid waste) in your wheeled, black garbage cart. Loose materials, such as ashes, sawdust, and pet waste, should be securely wrapped or bagged to prevent them from littering your neighborhood when carts are emptied. Cart lids must be closed.

### Clean Green yard waste:

Place grass clippings, weeds, leaves, hedge and shrubbery cuttings, small tree branches and tree trimmings, plant materials and flowers in your automated Clean Green cart. Branches must fit inside the cart (no overhanging branches). Do NOT place food or garbage, plastics, mixed paper, cardboard, pet waste, dirt, rocks, gravel, concrete, construction material, ashes, treated/painted wood, commercially purchased sod, stumps or tree trunks larger than 4 inches in your cart.

### Recycling:

- Glass food and beverage containers. Remove metal lids from glass jars or bottles before placing them both in the gray bin. Rinse containers clean to discourage pests.
- Aluminum and metal food and beverage cans. Rinse containers clean to discourage pests.
- Scrap metal. Clean aluminum foil and pie tins (no food residue), metal pots and pans.
- Polystyrene (Styrofoam). Packing blocks, egg cartons, and take-out food containers. Place in 30-gallon clear plastic bags and set next to your gray bin. Rinse food containers clean to discourage pests. Styrofoam packing “peanuts” should be taken to your nearest Longs Drug Store mailing center; Mail Boxes, Etc.; or Parcel Depot for reuse, OR call 1-800-828-2214.
- Plastics #1 through #7. Including food, water, soft drink, milk, juice, detergent, shampoo and other containers. Rinse clean to discourage pests. Check for recycling symbol and number on the bottom of the container and place in your gray bin.
- Plastic bags. Place plastic grocery, shopping, dry cleaning, newspaper bags and bread bags in 30-gallon clear plastic bags and set next to your gray bin.
- Newspaper. Bundle with string or twine, or place in brown paper bags and set next to your gray bin.
- Mixed paper. Including letter paper, envelopes, manila folders, magazines, junk mail, cereal boxes with liners removed, paper egg cartons, etc. Bundle with string or twine, or place in brown paper bag and set next to your gray bin.
- Used motor oil. Place in one-gallon (or less) plastic containers (such as old motor oil bottles or rinsed detergent, fabric softener, milk or juice jugs) with screw-top lids. Pop-top plastic containers may also be used; be sure to tape the top down securely with masking or duct tape. Label the container “waste oil” and set beside your gray bin.
- Used oil filters. Place in sealed, leak-proof plastic bags and place next to your gray bin.
- Heavy packing cardboard. Break down and flatten into pieces no bigger than 3 ft. x 3 ft., bundle and set next to your gray bin.

For more information, call 615-2063 or check the City’s website at:

[santaclaraca.gov/pub\\_works/pw\\_garbage\\_cg\\_info.html](http://santaclaraca.gov/pub_works/pw_garbage_cg_info.html) or  
[santaclaraca.gov/pub\\_works/pw\\_garbage\\_info.html](http://santaclaraca.gov/pub_works/pw_garbage_info.html) or  
[santaclaraca.gov/pub\\_works/pw\\_recycling\\_out.html](http://santaclaraca.gov/pub_works/pw_recycling_out.html)

## Scavenging from recycling bins is illegal

It is illegal for any person except Stevens Creek Disposal & Recycling to collect materials set out in the curbside recycling program bins. These materials help to offset the cost of the curbside recycling program for Santa Clara residents.

Scavenging materials from the recycle bins is a misdemeanor offense, punishable by up to a \$1,000 fine and/or six months in jail. If you see someone scavenging from the recycling bins, call 615-5580 (non-emergency Police dispatch) and give a description of the person scavenging from the bin, the street where the scavenging is taking place and the direction in which the person is heading. If a car, truck or van is being used, take down the license number, as well as the color, make and model of the vehicle.

## Visit the City website for easy access to information

Have you bookmarked the City of Santa Clara website in your browser? Santa Clara’s website provides the public with 24-hour access, seven days a week, to information on City programs, processes, services, employment opportunities and more.

It’s popular! Users generate 300,000+ page views per month and most frequently visit the pages on Job Opportunities, Human Resources, Parks & Recreation, City Services, Special Events, and the Permit Center. The City website provides access to audio/video transmission of the weekly City Video Newsbrief, which can also be seen on Municipal Cable Channel 15 (MCTV), and it posts Agendas, Meeting Minutes, Council Adopted Goals, Annual Budget, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), and more.

Visit the City’s home page: [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov). Also check out these other helpful municipal websites:

- \* Electric Utility/Silicon Valley Power:  
[siliconvalleypower.com](http://siliconvalleypower.com)
- \* Economic Development/Business Opportunities:  
[movetosantaclara.com](http://movetosantaclara.com)
- \* City Library:  
[library.santaclaraca.gov](http://library.santaclaraca.gov)
- \* Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival:  
[santaclaraartandwine.com](http://santaclaraartandwine.com)
- \* Santa Clara Police Department:  
[scpd.org](http://scpd.org).

## New website for Harris-Lass Museum

A new website for the Harris-Lass Historic Preserve at 1889 Market St. has been launched at [harrislass.org](http://harrislass.org) to provide online information on the architecture and the families that once lived on the land that is now a public museum. The website was constructed by Sue Kozdon, a volunteer museum docent and board member of the Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara.

Historians and genealogists throughout the world have visited the website, including two genealogists from Australia whose ancestors were related to Henry Harris, a prominent resident of Santa Clara Valley. When the Harris family left England, some migrated to Australia and some came to the U.S. Another historian found the museum website interesting because of his research on historical windmills and tank houses in California.

The public is invited to offer suggestions for additional content on the museum website by contacting webmaster Sue Kozdon at: [web@harrislass.org](mailto:web@harrislass.org).

## City expands outreach with Web 2.0 technologies

The City of Santa Clara has joined the daily-increasing number of organizations and individuals who are using Web 2.0 technologies to communicate quickly and broadly. In addition to the City’s robust website, it is now offering news announcements and event reminders via Twitter.

Twitter is a free social networking and micro-blogging service that conveys text-based messages (also called “tweets”) of up to 140 characters in length to other Twitter users who have signed up to receive them. Updates are displayed on the user’s profile page on the Twitter

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# Library Update



## Library will be busy this summer with programs for kids, teens, families

The popular Summer Reading Programs at the Library for children and teens continue this year with a variety of special activities designed to educate and entertain with fun.

Children from babies through 6th grade will be asked to “Be Creative @ Santa Clara City Library” in the Summer Reading Club that kicks off on Saturday, June 6, from 1 - 4 p.m. on the grassy area behind the Central Park Library. There will be arts and crafts and a special variety show with Short Attention Span Circus at 2 p.m. Children can also sign up to keep track of the books they read during the summer and earn a free paperback book.

Summer Reading for Teens (grades 7-12) also begins on Saturday, June 6, with the theme “Express Yourself @ Santa Clara City Library.” Teens must read five books in order to receive a gift card to a local bookstore. Programs and movies for teens will be held throughout the summer.

Other special summer programs for all ages will be scheduled during the summer including a series of multicultural programs in the Central Park Pavilion on Monday evenings at 7 p.m., funded by a generous donation of the Foundation & Friends of the Santa Clara Library. Programs will include Native American drumming and dancing, East Indian traditional dance, Japanese music, African music, and the Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra. These programs are for all ages to experience and appreciate the rich diversity of cultures in this area.

School-age (grades 1-6) programs will be held on Tuesdays at 3 p.m. Programs include wildlife, astronomy, bubbles, readers’ theater, and *High School Musical!* Family movies will be shown on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Age appropriateness will vary, so consult the *Summer Reading Program Guide* (available online and at the Library) for details.

Baby Lapsit (ages 0-12 months) and Young Ones (ages 12-24 months) will be held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime (ages 2-5) will be held on Fridays at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m., and Family Storytime (all ages) on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

Santa Clara City Library would like to thank Applied Materials Foundation, Foundation & Friends of the Santa Clara Library, Mission City Community Fund, and Fairfield Residential, LLC for their support of the 2009 Summer Reading Program.

More detailed information on all of these programs is available on the Library’s website at [library.santaclaraca.gov](http://library.santaclaraca.gov).

## Family reunions can spark interest in genealogy

Many families get together once a year during the summer – the chance to meet distant relatives and reconnect with old memories. Often family reunions can spark an interest in learning more about ancestors and their history.

Santa Clara City Library is offering three special genealogical programs this summer at the Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Rd. All are free and open to the public.

On Monday, June 15, the **California Genealogical Society (CGS) and Library** will present a free workshop from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Redwood Room of the Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Road. CGS President **Jane Lindsey** will provide an overview of the resources available at the CGS in Oakland, and CGS member **Livinia Schwarz** will present a talk titled “Some Brick Walls in Genealogy Research Are of Our Own Making.” Bring your own bag lunch or purchase refreshments in the Library café for a working lunch session.

On Tuesday, June 16, **Jessica Hacken** from the Genealogical Speaker’s Guild will discuss Canadian Genealogy and Family History Research (including French-Canadian) from 7 to 8:45 p.m. She holds a B.A. degree in Family History—Genealogy from Brigham Young University.

The final summer program on Tuesday, July 21, from 7 to 8:45 p.m., will feature **Kristin Noel Rivers** who will speak on “Betsey and Dead-Eye: Faith, Loss, Tenacity and Murder Mystery!,” the story of her 4th great-grandparents’ remarkable transcontinental journey. Elizabeth Bliss and Josiah Arnold were early pioneers who left Connecticut and New York to migrate through Ohio, Illinois, Nebraska, Utah and California. They crossed the plains, lost two children, and became involved with the Danites, a Mormon fraternal organization, and “Wild” Bill Hickman, a bodyguard for

Brigham Young referred to in some history books as Young’s “destroying angel.”

To RSVP or for more information on any of these programs, contact Local History Librarian Mary Hanel at 615-2909 or email:

[mhanel@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:mhanel@santaclaraca.gov).

## Never too old to explore the history of Santa Clara



*Kathleen Feain of Australia (center) with Central Park Reference Librarian Mary Boyle (left) and Local History Librarian Mary Hanel.*

After 44 years as a music teacher, Kathleen Feain of Australia still had a yearning for more education. She decided to study for a Bachelor of Arts with majors in history and English, and during an extra Honors year of history, selected the history of Silicon Valley as her focus because she had family in the area.

The 80+-year-old came to the Santa Clara City Library in 2007 to research regional history and returned a few months ago to present a copy of her 119-page thesis entitled “From Missions to Microchips: The Continuity of Innovation in Silicon Valley.”

The thesis covers the full spectrum of Santa Clara history, from the founding of Mission Santa Clara and the era when wheat and cattle were the basis of the economy to its agricultural excellence and the modern Silicon Valley high tech reputation. The narrative part of the thesis is followed by a glossary of high tech terminology (to assist Australian history professors) and an extensive bibliography of primary and secondary historical documents and books about the Santa Clara Valley and Silicon Valley.

Ms. Feain’s thesis is now part of the Santa Clara City Library collection and a reference copy is housed in the Heritage Pavilion Locked Case Collection of California and Santa Clara County history. A true lifelong learner, Ms. Feain is now considering a master’s degree focused on transportation in California, and a Ph.D. is not out of the question.

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website and sent via text message, RSS, email or other applications such as TwitterBerry for the BlackBerry and iTwitter for the iPhone.

Currently about 320 are signed up to receive tweets from the City, and more sign up every week. To subscribe, visit our Twitter site at [twitter.com/SantaClaraCity](http://twitter.com/SantaClaraCity), and click the “Follow” button underneath the City Seal. You can set your preferences to receive alerts via Twitter’s website, SMS messages to your cell phone (phone carrier charges apply), RSS feeds to your computer’s Internet browser, or email.

If you do not have a Twitter account, click on the “Join Now” button at [twitter.com](http://twitter.com) to create a free account. Then navigate to [twitter.com/SantaClaraCity](http://twitter.com/SantaClaraCity) and click on the “Follow” button.

The City uses Twitter for more than news announcements and event reminders. Public meetings, road closures, and job opportunities with the City are also announced through the City’s Twitter account.





# Take advantage of Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club

The Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club, located at 5155 Stars and Stripes Drive, features 18 championship holes, lighted driving range, practice putting green, seven lighted tennis courts, pro shop, shower facilities, locker room and restaurant. Private and group golf lessons are available. The Club also offers a junior golf program for kids ages 8-17. It includes free lesson clinics twice a week, free range balls and free golf every day. Santa Clara residents receive priority registration. Financial assistance is available for those in need. For qualifying golfers, the junior team is a great way to gain tournament experience, play local courses, and meet other junior players. Junior golf instruction is provided by Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club professionals, and PGA and LPGA pros. For information on any of the programs available at the Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club, call 980-9515.


# Registration still open for summer recreation activities

There is still time to register for summer recreation activities offered by the Parks & Recreation Department. Classes begin as soon as June 15 and include aquatics, gymnastics, creative arts, dance, fitness, tennis and other sports, and special interests for all age groups. Children can enroll in weeklong camps at the Youth Activity Center, Maywood Park or Lick Mill Park, in addition to dance camp, cheer camps, sports and soccer camps. Teens can “Breakaway” each week from the Teen Center to an exciting destination each day, or enjoy drop-in activities with friends (a Resident Youth Card is required unless registered in Teen Breakaway or Sports Escape). See the Teen Center’s monthly calendar online at [santaclaraca.gov/park\\_recreation/pr\\_teens.html](http://santaclaraca.gov/park_recreation/pr_teens.html). For detailed listings of summer programs, see the *City of Santa Clara Recreation Activities Guide*. Pick up a copy at the Community Recreation Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Teen Center, Senior Center, City Hall, Central Park Library, or Mission Library Family Reading Center. The guide is also available online at: [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov). Summer programs fill quickly, so registration as soon as possible is recommended. You can register three different ways. An account “PIN” number and “client barcode” are required before registering online or by phone at 615-3140. Registration is also available in person at the Community Recreation Center or Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center. Call the Community Recreation Center at 615-3140 for more information.

# Spay or neuter your pet at SVACA



Effective July 1, the cost of a spay or neuter surgery at Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority’s (SVACA) clinic will be \$10 for a cat and \$50 for a dog. Other services such as vaccinations and microchips are also available. All services are by appointment only at SVACA’s animal care center, 3370 Thomas Rd. Since its opening in 2007, SVACA’s medical team has performed more than 600 surgeries. There are times when appointments are fully booked for several months and a waiting list is maintained. For information or to schedule an appointment, contact SVACA at 764-0344 or visit [svaca.com](http://svaca.com). Spaying or neutering has many benefits such as preventing the addition of more animals to the overpopulation problem, increasing the likelihood that a companion animal will live a long and healthy life, and reducing the chance of unwanted behaviors such as spraying in cats and roaming in dogs. “We are thrilled by the response because our overall goal is to end animal overpopulation. By making spay and neuter affordable, we are moving that much closer to reaching our goal,” said Gina DeMartini, SVACA’s Registered Veterinary Technician. “SVACA continues to offer the lowest prices because we understand that folks want to be responsible animal guardians, but cannot always afford this very important procedure.” SVACA also operates an adoption program and finds homes for 100% of its adoptable animals. “SVACA is committed to finding homes for all of our homeless animals. In order for us to do so, we must work to decrease the amount of animals entering our center,” said Michael Limper, SVACA’s Shelter Manager. “We make it very easy for animal guardians to spay or neuter their animals which eliminates accidental births.” SVACA is a joint powers authority that provides animal care and control services to residents of the cities of Santa Clara, Campbell, and Monte Sereno. Adoption services and volunteer opportunities are open to all in the Bay Area. Adopt a companion animal from SVACA, the Silicon Valley’s only cageless animal care center!



## SANTA CLARA SENIOR CENTER SERVICES

**1303 Fremont Street**  
**Phone: 408.615.3170**

- ❖ **Attic Insulation** . . . . . Pre-set Income Criteria. . . . . Call 408/971-0888
- ❖ **Blood Pressure** . . . . . Wed. 9:30-11:30 a.m. . . . . Drop-in  
Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri. . . . . By appointment
- ❖ **BART Tickets** . . . . . Available at Senior Center . . . . . Cost: \$9.00 Value: \$24.00
- ❖ **VTA Bus Pass** . . . . . Picture taken at County . . . . . \$20.00 Monthly Bus Sticker  
Transit & Senior Center . . . . . Sold at Senior Center
- ❖ **Case Management** . . . . Dawn Pollak . . . . . Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Fitness Room** . . . . . Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Friday, 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Grab Bars/Ramps/Repairs** . Low-interest rate. For City of  
Santa Clara Homeowners . . . . . Call 408/615-2490
- ❖ **Health Insurance** . . . . Barbara Purdy . . . . . Free service by appointment  
**Counseling/Medicare** . . . . . Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Home Care Info./** . . . . Susan Bates . . . . . Donations Accepted  
**Referral Service** . . . . . Scheduled hrs. . . . . Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Income Tax** . . . . . Scheduled Appointments . . . . . Free Service  
Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Legal Assistance** . . . . . Age Limit: 60+ . . . . . By appt. only  
Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Notary Service** . . . . . Second Mondays . . . . . By appt. only  
Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Nursing Assessment** . . . Free Service by Appt. . . . . Call 408/615-3170  
**for Homebound**
- ❖ **Nursing Consultant** . . . Mon. through Fri. . . . . Drop-in or appointments  
Mallory von Kugelgen, RN. . . . . Call 408/615-3170  
Jodie Sugiyama, RNP. . . . . Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Nutrition Program** . . . . Donation \$2.00 . . . . . Age Limit: 60+  
Two day advance reservations required  
Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m. . . . . Call 408/615-3174
- ❖ **Outreach** . . . . . Free Information Service. . . . . Call 408/436-2865
- ❖ **Catholic Charities Housing** . . . . . Call 408/325-5277

**The Senior Center Office Hours are as follows:**  
**Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. • Friday, 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. • Sunday, Closed**

## Senior Center Health & Wellness Program

The Health & Wellness program at the Senior Center provides preventive and community health nursing, free of charge, for Santa Clara City residents age 50 and older. Nursing services include education, blood pressure and glucose testing, safety checks, and resource referral. Visits are by appointment or during scheduled drop-in days. Home visits are available for those whose health limits their mobility. For information call Jodie Sugiyama, RNP, or Mallory von Kugelgen, RN, PHN at 615-3170.





# Safety is Santa Clara's #1 priority

## Summer Safety Tips

### Barbecue safety

- ❖ Keep grills well away from anything that can burn including your home, vehicles, dry vegetation and other combustibles.
- ❖ Don't leave the grill unattended and keep children and pets away from it.
- ❖ Use only charcoal lighter fluid to start charcoal grills, never use gasoline.
- ❖ Once coals have been lit never add more lighter fluid to the fire – flames may travel up the stream of lighter fluid resulting in serious burns. If the fire is slow, add more kindling or more coals, not lighter fluid.
- ❖ Soak the coals with water before you discard them and leave the grill away from the house until completely cool.
- ❖ For gas grills, always store the gas cylinder outside, away from structures, and turn off valves when not in use.
- ❖ Never use any type of grill inside the home or in an enclosed area. In addition to a fire hazard, use of the grill indoors can cause carbon monoxide poisoning.
- ❖ Teach your children that matches and lighters are tools for adults, not toys. Keep them out of children's sight and reach, preferably in a locked cabinet, so they are not accessible to children.

### Fireworks

- ❖ Leave them to the professionals! Every year, fireworks used by amateurs cause thousands of injuries serious enough to require visits to the hospital emergency room. Not only are they dangerous, they are also illegal in the City of Santa Clara. Instead, enjoy the holiday at a public event, such as the All City 4th of July Picnic in Central Park. See page 1 for more information.

### Enjoying your pool...safely

- ❖ Drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death for American infants and children under the age of five.
- ❖ With a swimming pool, there is no substitute for adequate supervision.
- ❖ Do not leave children unattended, in or around the pool, for even a second.
- ❖ Do not allow anyone of any age to swim without supervision. Even an experienced swimmer can drown when they bump their head, become entrapped, or have medical emergencies in the water such as seizures or blackouts.
- ❖ Make sure you have adequate adult supervision for children. Children have drowned in pools even when surrounded by people. Do not rely on the idea that a drowning person will splash loudly or call out for help. Drowning is usually silent.
- ❖ A fence, wall, or natural/artificial barrier should completely enclose your pool or spa. All gates or doors leading from the house to the pool area should have a self-closing and self-latching mechanism that protects against unauthorized entry and use.
- ❖ Do not place objects such as chairs or tables near the pool or spa fence that could allow a child to climb over.
- ❖ Always completely remove the pool and/or spa cover before using the pool or spa, to avoid the possibility of anyone becoming trapped and drowning under the cover.
- ❖ Keep pool and spa chemicals separate from each other, and from other chemicals. Violent reactions such as explosion, fire, or noxious gas production can occur when incompatible chemicals come in contact with each other.
- ❖ Store and use pool chemicals according to the manufacturer's recommendations, always store them outside the home, away from any heat source or flame.

### Safety on wheels

- ❖ **When you are on wheels, wear a helmet.** This includes bicycles, scooters, skateboards, and skates. Other safety equipment for scooters, skateboards, and skates includes kneepads, elbow pads, wrist guards, and gloves.
- ❖ Set a "no helmet, no wheels" rule with your children. Also, teach by example and wear safety gear yourself. You will not only teach your children good habits, you will also keep yourself safer.
- ❖ By following these quick and simple tips, we can all have a fun and safe summer. For more information about fire and life safety, contact Santa Clara Fire Department, Office of the Fire Marshal at 615-4970.

## City of Santa Clara named Silicon Valley's "Most Prepared City" by American Red Cross

The City of Santa Clara has been selected as Silicon Valley's "Most Prepared City" by the local chapter of the American Red Cross in conjunction with its annual Real Heroes recognition program.

Along with eight individuals from throughout the region who have made extraordinary and brave efforts to help others, Santa Clara was celebrated at the annual "Everyday People. Real Heroes." breakfast in May.

Since the Santa Clara City Council identified "strengthen emergency preparedness City-wide" as one of its priorities for 2007-09, the City has expanded its activities to get everyone in the community aware of what needs to be done at home, school and work if a disaster should occur.

*"I want to thank you for the foresight and effort that it took to make it possible for the City of Santa Clara to be selected as Silicon Valley's 'Most Prepared City' by the local chapter of the American Red Cross. I now carry a small food/water supply, walking shoes, and an old jacket in my trunk. You never know where you will be when the next earthquake will hit."*

*Nancy Lang, resident*

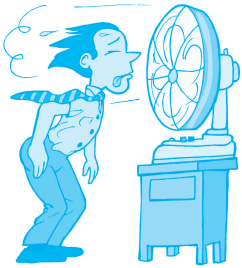
The public education campaign included articles in the City's newspaper, utility bill inserts, informational displays at community events, workshops, a four-page tabloid publication with detailed guidelines on how to prepare, website updates, and a Be Prepared! Contest. The City also engages residents through volunteer programs such as the Citizens' Police Academy, Neighborhood Watch, and Home Emergency Assistance Teams (HEAT).

In 2007, the City completed a seismic retrofit of storage tanks holding 24 million gallons of water and replaced water main infrastructure to protect the City's water supply after a major earthquake. Its Fire Department is one of few in cities in the U.S. with chemists on staff to monitor the safe storage, handling and use of hazardous materials, and one of only two fire departments in the County with its own ambulances.

More information about the City of Santa Clara's emergency preparedness programs is available on the City website at [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov).

## It may be a long, hot summer Are you ready?

Record-breaking heat this spring may be an early warning of an especially long, hot summer this year. Even though Santa Clara is blessed with cooler temperatures every evening thanks to cooling breezes off the Bay, it can get hot enough to cause health issues, especially in young children, older adults and those with chronic diseases such as diabetes. To avoid heat exhaustion and heat stroke, follow these suggestions from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention when the thermometer zooms:



- ❖ Drink plenty of water, even if you don't feel thirsty. Avoid alcoholic beverages.
  - ❖ Wear loose, light-colored clothing made from natural materials like cotton.
  - ❖ Check if your prescription medications reduce your tolerance to heat or sunlight.
  - ❖ Avoid going outside during the hottest part of the day. If you do go out in the sun, wear a wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen of SPF15 or higher.
  - ❖ Keep your house as cool as possible.
    - When it's cooler outside than inside, such as in the evening and early morning, open the windows and doors to ventilate the house.
    - During the day, close drapes and blinds to keep out the heat, especially on the south and west sides of the house that get the most sun.
    - Turn off incandescent lights and heat-generating appliances.
    - Install and use an attic fan to reduce heat build-up in the attic which will radiate into rooms below.
    - Use a ceiling or portable fan to cool the rooms you use the most. Fans use less energy than air conditioners.
  - ❖ Keep an eye on family and friends who are at risk of heat exhaustion. They may not even know they are in trouble.
  - ❖ Never leave infants, children or pets in a parked car. Interior temperatures can rise 20 degrees in just 10 minutes.
- Cool your home and save money on rebates! See page 7 for details.

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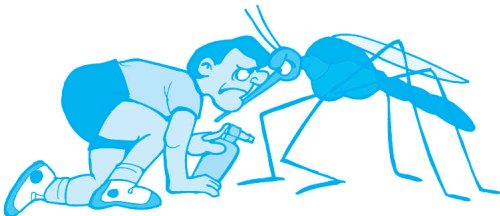




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Protect yourself against mosquito bites and West Nile Virus

Standing water warmed by the sun is an excellent breeding ground for mosquitoes – and mosquitoes bring with them an increased risk of West Nile Virus. To reduce mosquitoes and protect yourself against mosquito bites, follow these guidelines:



- ❖ Eliminate all sources of standing water including flower pots, old car tires, rain gutters and pet bowls. Ponds should have mosquito fish or commercially available products to eliminate mosquito larvae.
- ❖ Apply insect repellent containing DEET, especially in the early morning and evening when mosquitoes that carry the West Nile Virus are more likely to bite.
- ❖ Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens to keep out mosquitoes.
- ❖ Report all dead birds and tree squirrels by calling 877-968-2473 or through the website [westnile.ca.gov](http://westnile.ca.gov). This information is used by the State to identify “hot spots” of West Nile Virus.

Safely dispose of household hazardous waste

Safe and easy disposal of household hazardous waste is available for Santa Clara residents at a drop-off event on Saturday, July 25, at the City of Santa Clara Street Corporation Yard, 1700 Walsh Ave. Residents must register to attend this event (or any of the drop-off events scheduled throughout the year) by calling the County Household Hazardous Waste Program at 299-7300.

Residents can dispose of fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, paint, automotive fluids, cleaners, solvents, batteries, propane, fertilizers, pesticides, wood preservatives, sharps containers, and other types of household hazardous wastes at any of the drop-off events.

The Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program is now accepting electronic waste at select drop-off events throughout the county. Electronic waste (or e-waste) is generally considered items that require a battery or cord to operate, such as televisions, computers, telephones, handheld video games, printers, fax machines, etc.

Items NOT accepted include appliances and white goods (refrigerators, dishwashers, ovens, stoves, washing machines, dryers, microwaves, etc.), ammunition, explosives, reactives, or containers larger than five gallons. Contact the Street Department at 615-3080 for information about disposal of most of these items; contact the Police Department at 615-4700 regarding disposal of ammunition or explosives.

Seniors can also be “Green at Home”

Heart of the Valley, Services for Seniors, Inc. (HOV), announces its new pilot “Green at Home” program for residents age 59 or older. The program provides assistance in disposing of household hazardous waste in order to keep their home safe.

Qualified seniors should collect their household hazardous waste items, placing all like items together. For example, all light bulbs would be placed together, all batteries together, all medicines together, etc., with nothing mixed. Items that will be accepted include laundry and cleaning products, law and garden products, indoor pesticides, electronic waste (computers, printers, monitors, radios), batteries (except car batteries), fluorescent light bulbs included CFCs, expired or unused over-the-counter prescription drugs and ointments, sharps (in proper biohazard disposal containers), paints and paint products. If clients are unable to identify and gather their items, they can call Heart of the Valley and a trained volunteer will go to their home to assist them. For those who have collected their items, they can contact Heart of the Valley to arrange pick up times for volunteers to take the items to designated recycling and disposal centers. Heart of the Valley volunteers will not pick up guns, ammunition, radioactive materials, car batteries, asbestos, solvents, or flammables.

If you would like more information, identification and/or pickup of your household hazardous waste, or are interested in volunteering to assist with this program, call Heart of the Valley at 241-1571, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, or email [seniorservices@aol.com](mailto:seniorservices@aol.com).

Amateur fireworks are unsafe, illegal

Fireworks cause more than 24,000 fires and 9,000 injuries each year. That is why the sale, possession and use of fireworks by anyone other than professionals is illegal in many communities, including the City of Santa Clara.

A public fireworks display, such as the one at Central Park on July 4th, is the “safe and sane” way to enjoy fireworks. See page 1 for details.

PAL sports activities this summer for youth

Soccer

Soccer season for ages 4-18 will run from August through December. Early bird registration by June 30 is \$85, or \$95 between June 30 and the sign-up deadline of July 31.

Soccer teams are coached by volunteer parents and practices may vary from 2-3 times a week in Santa Clara with weekly Saturday morning games in surrounding cities. Registration fee includes shirt, shorts, socks, picture package, insurance and administrative fees. See the PAL website at [santaclarapal.org](http://santaclarapal.org) for discounts and details. MC/VISA accepted. **No refunds.** It is **mandatory** for all new and returning coaches who are interested in coaching this season to obtain an application at [santaclarapal.org](http://santaclarapal.org) and fax it to 296-1346.



Wrestling

The summer wrestling sessions run from July 6 through August 10. Sessions for ages 5-11 are from 5- 6:45 p.m. and ages 12-17 from 6:45- 8:15 p.m. at Cabrillo Middle School/Cafeteria, 2550 Cabrillo Ave. Registration is \$35 and includes a PAL T-shirt, lessons and insurance. Sign up at the PAL office, 601 El Camino Real, (M-F, 1-5 p.m.), or register half an hour prior on first day of class. For information, call 615-4880.

Judo

A six-week beginning judo session runs from July 9 through August 13 at Cabrillo Middle School/Cafeteria. Registration is \$30. Learn the basics of this martial art and sport. Sign up at PAL office or half an hour prior on the first day of class.

BMX

There will be a Double Points State Championship Race on July 18 and a Triple Points Redline Cup Qualifier on July 19 at the Santa Clara PAL BMX Track, 5401 Lafayette St. Sign-ups are at 11 a.m. on the day of the race; fees are \$20 and \$30. For more info, call 727-7538 or 615-4880.

July PAL GAL Softball Tournament

The annual PAL GAL Softball Tournament will be held July 24-26 at Mission College and Central Park. Come enjoy and support our Santa Clara Sparks! Call 615-4880 for more information!

Teen Center programs this summer

Two recreation programs for teens will be offered this summer at the Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Ave., adjacent to Cabrillo Middle School where 600 students are expected to attend summer school this year.

Beginning June 29, the Teen Center will offer “After the Bell,” a five-week summer enrichment program from 12:15 to 2:30 p.m., Monday – Thursday, for those students enrolled in summer school. The \$100 registration fee includes daily activities, a healthy snack and homework assistance.

Register online at [santaclaraca.gov/park\\_recreationpr\\_activities\\_classes.html](http://santaclaraca.gov/park_recreationpr_activities_classes.html). You must have an account set up prior to registering online, but setting up an account is easy and quick. Just go to the Community Recreation Center, Teen Center or Youth Activity Center to get started, or to register in person.

From 2:30-6:30 p.m., all Santa Clara teens entering grades 8-12 can drop in to the Teen Center to watch TV, play video games, billiards, ping pong and foosball. A Resident Youth Card is required and can be obtained at the Teen Center, Youth Activity Center or online at [santaclaraca.gov/park\\_recreation/pr\\_teens.html](http://santaclaraca.gov/park_recreation/pr_teens.html)





The City of Santa Clara is now using Twitter to announce recent job postings. Visit our Twitter site at [twitter.com/SantaClaraCity](https://twitter.com/SantaClaraCity), and click the “Follow” button underneath the City seal. You can set your preferences to receive alerts via Twitter’s website, SMS messages to your cell phone (your phone carrier’s charges apply), RSS feeds to your computer’s Internet browser, or email. Get the latest job opportunity information by following SantaClaraJobs.

For additional job opportunities available at the City of Santa Clara, visit our website at [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov) or call our Job Hotline at 615-JOBS. EOE.

**POLICE OFFICER & RECRUIT POLICE OFFICER:**

Police Officer monthly salary range is \$8,223 - \$9,992. Recruit Police Officer monthly salary starts at \$6,160. Both positions require one of the following: Without experience, applicants must have completed sixty (60) semester units or ninety (90) quarter units of academic level course work at an accredited college or university; or applicants with two (2) years full-time, paid, recent police experience with a sheriff’s department, state police, highway patrol, or municipal police department must have completed thirty (30) semester units or forty-five (45) quarter units of academic level courses at an accredited college or university. Applicants for Police Officer also require proof of completion of a Basic Peace Officer Academy certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis. Candidates must attach a copy of their POST t-score of 50 or better to their City application for Police Officer or Police Officer.

Please submit City application to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

**COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER I:**

Communications Dispatcher I monthly salary range is \$5,610 - \$6,802. Requires graduation from high school or possession of a GED and one year of paid employment experience requiring independent decision-making and a high level of public contact, preferably a public safety related position. Possession of a current P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatch certificate is desirable and may be substituted for six (6) months of the employment experience. Possession of a P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatch certificate and a Medical Priorities Dispatching System (MPDS) certificate is required prior to completion of the probationary period. A typing certificate, dated no earlier than 6 months prior to application filing, showing the required typing speed of 30 net words per minute, is required at time of application. Candidates who have taken the POST dispatcher examination within the last six months may submit verification of a t-score of 48 or better in lieu of taking the performance examination. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please submit City application and typing certificate to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

**COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER II:**

Communications Dispatcher II monthly salary range is: \$6,027 – \$7,320. Requires graduation from high school or possession of a GED; and the equivalent of one of the following: (a) two years

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of paid employment experience in public safety dispatching within the past five years; or (b) five years of current paid employment with a public safety agency or private emergency medical services agency, with high level Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), radio and/or telephone operation; or (c) successful completion of a probationary period as a Communications Dispatcher I with the City of Santa Clara. Possession of a current P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatch certificate is desirable and may be substituted for six months of the employment experience. Classroom education involving fire science or law enforcement related studies is highly desirable. A typing certificate, dated no earlier than 6 months prior to application filing, showing the required typing speed of 30 net words per minute, is required at time of application. Candidates who have taken the POST dispatcher examination within the last six months may submit verification of a t-score of 48 or better in lieu of taking the performance examination. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

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**ELECTRIC UTILITY GENERATION TECHNICIAN:**

Electric Utility Generation Technician monthly salary range is \$6,946 - \$8,455. Requires graduation from high school or its equivalent and four (4) years of electric generation operation and maintenance experience in a medium-sized electric generation power plant or equivalent, including two (2) years of experience above the entry level. Three years of operations and maintenance level experience above the entry level with work assignments in City of Santa Clara combined cycle generation facilities may substitute for the above experience requirements. Two (2) additional years of electric generation operation and maintenance experience with an electric generation power plant or the equivalent is highly desirable. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis; examinations are scheduled as a sufficient number of applications are received.

Please submit City application to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

**ELECTRICIAN:**

Electrician monthly salary range is \$ 6,455 - \$ 7,837. Requires graduation from high school or its equivalent and status as a journey-level electrician and/or completion of a formal electrician apprenticeship program. Certification of required journey level electrician status and/or completion of a formal electrician apprenticeship program must be provided. Journey level experience working for an electric utility maintaining high voltage substation equipment or journey level experience maintaining solid state traffic signal equipment, or solid state supervisory control systems is desirable. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please submit City application and electrician certification to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

**JOURNEY LINeworker:**

Journey Lineworker monthly salary range is \$ 6,455 - \$ 7,837. Requires graduation from high school or possession of a G.E.D.; and completion of a recognized three (3) year apprenticeship

program as a Lineworker. Certification of apprenticeship program must be provided at time of application. Possession of a valid California Class A Driver’s license is required, or possession of a valid Class C license at the time of employment and the ability to obtain Class A within six months of employment. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please apply by formal application to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

**POLICE RECORDS SPECIALIST II:**

Police Records Specialist II monthly salary range is \$5,204 - \$6,339. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Requires graduation from high school or its equivalent; and two years of clerical and typing experience. College education with special emphasis in police administration or related fields may be substituted for the required work experience on a year-for-year basis. A typing certificate, dated no earlier than 6 months prior to application filing, showing the required typing speed of 50 net words per minute, is required at time of application. Possession of an appropriate, valid California driver’s license is required at time of appointment. A background investigation will be conducted prior to appointment. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis; examinations are conducted as vacancies occur.

Please submit City application and typing certificate to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

**About Santa Clara’s nonprofit partners**

The City of Santa Clara contracts with a number of agencies for the provision of community services. The list provided here includes local nonprofit service agencies funded by either the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement program or the Redevelopment Agency Affordable Housing Fund program. The objective is to provide funding support to assist persons and households that are low income. The public services provided by these agencies are reviewed annually by the City for consideration of continued funding support.

Local nonprofit agencies that partners with the City include:

- Heart of the Valley (escorted transportation for seniors); 241-1571
- St. Justin Community Ministry (provision of food staples for needy families); 983-0360
- Live Oak Senior Day Services (senior day services); 971-9363
- Outreach (transportation services for the physically disabled); 436-2865
- Silicon Valley Independent Living Center (counseling and training services, and independent living skills training for the physically disabled); 894-9041
- Senior Nutrition Program (daily meals served at the Senior Center); 615-3174
- Project Sentinel (fair housing services, information and referral, investigation), 650/321-6291; (counseling services on mortgage problems and tenant/landlord dispute resolution services), 720-9888

For a complete list, see the City’s website at: [santaclaraca.gov/plan\\_inspection/hou\\_npp.html](http://santaclaraca.gov/plan_inspection/hou_npp.html).





# SANTA CLARA ARTS & HISTORICAL CONSORTIUM

## Santa Clara Museums



### Triton Museum of Art

The Triton Museum of Art exists to enhance the quality of lives of people in Santa Clara and the Bay Area through a program of art, education, and community involvement. Rotating exhibits highlight the museum's permanent collection of 19th and 20th century American art. *Native Americans Yesterday and Today: Selections from the Austen D. Warburton Collection*, is a permanent exhibition. The museum buildings are owned by the City, but are operated by the nonprofit Triton Museum of Art. The museum is located at 1505 Warburton Ave., across the street from City Hall. The museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and until 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Closed Mondays. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 247-3754, or visit the Triton website at [tritonmuseum.org](http://tritonmuseum.org).



### de Saisset Museum

Founded in 1955 through the bequest of Isabel de Saisset, the museum features rotating exhibits as well as permanent displays of art. The museum's collection includes American, European, African and Oriental art. The *California Historic Collection* features artifacts of the pre-mission California Indians, relics and sacramental objects from the original mission, and memorabilia from the days of the early college. The de Saisset also has an ongoing program of films, concerts and lectures. The museum is located on the Santa Clara University campus, adjacent to historic Mission Santa Clara. Admission and parking are free. Galleries are open Tuesday through Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 554-4528, or visit the de Saisset website at [scu.edu/deSaisset](http://scu.edu/deSaisset).



### Headen-Inman House

The charming Headen-Inman House, 1509 Warburton Ave., includes a museum with photographs and artifacts related to the history of Santa Clara. Rotating exhibits by the Santa Clara Art Association are also on display. The Santa Clara Founders and Pioneers Room has exhibits featuring the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County. The house, named after the two families who once owned it, is now owned by the City, but is operated by and is the headquarters of the nonprofit Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium. The museum is open most Sundays, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 248-ARTS.



### Berryessa Adobe

In the 1840s, this simple adobe dwelling was constructed about a mile west of Mission Santa Clara. The house was lived in by generations of families who immigrated to Santa Clara to labor in

the fields and factories, and to make new lives for themselves. Purchased by the City of Santa Clara in 1997 and restored in 2002, the Berryessa Adobe is one of the last adobes in the Santa Clara Valley, and is an interpretive site on the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. It is located at 373 Jefferson Street and generally open Thursdays and Saturdays, 12 noon to 4 p.m., or by arrangement. Group tours may also be arranged. For more information, call 615-2488 or email: [BerryessaAdobe@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:BerryessaAdobe@santaclaraca.gov).

### South Bay Historical Railroad Society

The South Bay Historical Railroad Society was founded in 1985 with the goal of preserving the heritage of American railroading. SBHRS accomplished the major task of renovating the historic Santa Clara Depot, and maintains the facility and researches its history. The group also built and maintains onsite HO and N scale museum-grade model train layouts. The Santa Clara Depot, at the Santa Clara Caltrain Station, is regularly open to the public every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m., at 1005 Railroad Ave. Call 243-3969 for further information, or visit the website at [sbhrs.org](http://sbhrs.org).

### Harris-Lass Historic Museum

The Harris-Lass Historic Museum, located at 1889 Market St., is the last preserved farm site in the City of Santa Clara. The property, which includes a large fully furnished Italianate-style home, barn, summer kitchen and a tank house, is named for the two families who owned it and lived there for 125 years. The museum is now owned by the City, but is operated by the nonprofit Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara, and staffed entirely by volunteers. Guided tours aid visitors in learning about local history and life in the early 1900s. Museum hours are most Saturdays and Sundays, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Parking is free. For details about visiting the museum, call 249-7905.

### Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe

The Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe, located at 3260 The Alameda, is a State-registered landmark and one of the oldest surviving adobe structures in northern California. With its origins dating to 1784, the Pena adobe was originally part of a row of houses for married Indian couples. The Santa Clara Woman's Club now uses the adobe as its club headquarters and meeting place. The Woman's Club provides encouragement and support for youth in Santa Clara, and cooperates with other organizations to aid seniors, veterans and the handicapped. Call 246-8000 for more information.



**Pictured top to bottom, above:**

- Triton Museum of Art
- de Saisset Museum
- Headen-Inman House
- Berryessa Adobe
- South Bay Historical Railroad Society Museum
- Harris-Lass Historic Museum
- Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe

## Other Consortium Member Groups

### Foothills Region Antique Automobile Club of America

Interested in the preservation of cars that are 25 years old or older, the members of this club tour with their cars and take part in parades and many other family oriented activities. For more information, call Club Vice President Grant Danielson, 248-0939.

### Los Fundadores y Amigos de Alta California, the Founders and Friends of Santa Clara County

The goals of Los Fundadores are to preserve the history and heritage of Santa Clara County and early California, to maintain a museum room in the Headen-Inman House, to provide rotating genealogical displays, and to develop research materials for the library room at the museum. The group was established in 1987 by Evalyn Martinez. It publishes a quarterly newsletter aimed at preserving the history and heritage of the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County from its founding through 1889. For more information, call Evalyn Martinez at 926-1165.

### Santa Clara Players

The Santa Clara Players is a talented local theater group that performs in the 80-seat Hall Pavilion of the Triton Museum of Art. Its season runs from October through June and includes three public productions plus one-act plays that can be performed for groups by special arrangement. Call 248-7993 for more information or visit [scplayers.org](http://scplayers.org).

### Santa Clara Sister Cities Association

Individuals interested in promoting an appreciation for the world and its diverse cultures are invited to join the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association (SCA). Membership is open to both residents of Santa Clara and non-residents. SCA works closely with the City's International Exchange Commission which coordinates exchange programs with Santa Clara's two sister-cities: Coimbra, Portugal and Izumo, Japan. The group meets four or five times during the year at the Senior Citizens Center in Santa Clara. For more information on the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association, or opportunities to host visitors, contact SCA President Debi Davis at 244-7551 or see the website at [santaclarasistercities.org](http://santaclarasistercities.org).

### Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists

Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists is dedicated to studying, teaching and promoting the art of china, glass and porcelain painting. Activities include monthly meetings/luncheons, workshops/seminars, demonstrations, porcelain exchange, and community involvement. For more information, call Arline Norsworthy at 296-8319.

### Consortium Member Groups include:

- City of Santa Clara - Berryessa Adobe\*
- de Saisset Museum\*
- Foothills Region AACA
- Garden City Doll Club
- Heart of the Valley\*
- Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara
- KKUP Radio
- Los Fundadores, Founders and Friends of Santa Clara Co.
- Mission City Opera
- Mission Trail Early Ford V-8 Club
- Primarily Purses/Vintage Accessories Club
- Roberta Jones Junior Theatre\*
- Santa Clara Art Association
- Santa Clara City Library\*
- Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society\*
- Santa Clara Players
- Santa Clara Sister Cities Association
- Santa Clara Schools Foundation\*
- Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists
- Santa Clara Woman's Club\*
- Soroptimist International of Santa Clara\*
- South Bay Historical Railroad Society\*
- Spanish Heritage Society
- Tabard Theater\*
- Triton Museum of Art\*
- The Twenty Diners Plus

For more information on the Consortium or information on any of the groups listed above, call 248-ARTS.

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## Water conservation urged during summer season

Water, water everywhere – but not as much as you may think.

Despite some heavy rains this spring and a few rain showers in early May, California is experiencing a drought year which means not enough rainfall locally or snowpack in the mountains for an unlimited water supply. The City of Santa Clara relies on several sources of water including municipal wells, the Hetch-Hetchy system and Santa Clara Valley Water District, and all are at less than maximum capacity. Santa Clara Valley Water District, which provides about 18% of the City’s potable water and manages the groundwater basin that the City relies on for about two-thirds of its water supply, has already announced that 15% conservation is necessary to help ensure adequate water supplies in the future.

Mandatory conservation is not planned for 2009, but the City’s Water Utility is asking all residents and businesses to voluntarily reduce their water consumption.

Some restrictions on water use are already in place in Santa Clara, and more may be added. Currently, it is illegal in Santa Clara to:

- ❖ Waste water through flooding or runoff on City sidewalks, gutters, and street.
- ❖ Clean sidewalks, driveways, patios, parking lots, or other paved or hard-surface areas or wash cars, buses, boats, trailers, or any vehicle by use of a hose unless that hose is fitted with an operating automatic shut off valve. (Free shut-off hose nozzles are available at the City of Santa Clara

Water Department front counter at City Hall).

- ❖ Waste water due to broken or defective plumbing, fire system, irrigation system, etc. or to open or leave open any faucet so as to permit water waste.
- ❖ Serve water by any restaurant unless requested by a patron.

More than 20 programs and services are available from the Santa Clara Valley Water District to help residents and business owners conserve water, including rebates for water efficient clothes washers, toilets, information on how to install drought tolerant landscaping and efficient irrigation systems, and a free water audit program (which includes free and installed low-flow shower heads, sink aerators, new toilet flapper if needed). Contact the water conservation hotline at 265-2607, ext. 2554 or go online at [valleywater.org](http://valleywater.org) for more details.

Other easy ways to conserve water every day include:

- ❖ Only run dishwashers with a full load.
- ❖ Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth to save 25 gallons a month.
- ❖ Use a broom not a hose to clean your driveway, sidewalk, or patio.
- ❖ Take shorter showers. Reducing it by just a minute or two can save 150 gallons per month.
- ❖ Place mulch around your plants to keep moisture in and reduce the need for watering.
- ❖ Turn off the faucet while shaving to save 300 gallons per month.
- ❖ Don’t overwater your yard.

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**INSIDE SANTA CLARA**  
QUARTERLY NEWSPAPER FOR CITY  
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RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES  
**SUMMER 2009**

## California’s Great America now open daily

California’s Great America is now open daily for the 2009 season, and the park has more entertainment offerings than ever before!

Great America will once again push the thrill envelope with the addition of “All Wheels Extreme,” an all-new, high-flying sports stunt show that’s guaranteed to get the entire family’s adrenaline pumping! This 25-minute, high-energy experience will feature a talented cast of daredevils, including BMX riders, skateboarders, rollerbladers, gymnasts and more. “All Wheels Extreme” speeds its way onto the scene and makes its summer debut at the Park in early June.

Park visitors won’t want to miss “The Chipper Lowell Experience,” a hilarious, new show where comedy and magic collide! Featuring award-winning comedic magician Chipper Lowell, performing on the Showtime Theater stage with a unique blend of stand-up, improv comedy and magic that’s sure to have every member of the audience laughing out loud.

In addition to the two new shows, they are bringing back the “Endless Summer on Ice” ice show in the Great America Theater, as well as Dora’s Sing Along Adventure, Jack’s Juke Box and the Backyard Circus – the entertainment is endless all summer long! Look to the sky...summer fireworks are back! California’s Great America will again light up the summer night sky in a blaze of a million colors and treat park goers to a world-class fireworks extravaganza Saturday nights in August. In addition to a show Memorial weekend, the Park will also put on a fireworks display on Sunday, September 6, in honor of the Labor Day holiday.

California’s Great America will give guests new reasons to visit

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